

EXCELSIOR AGENCY

15 JAN 1948

Dr. Florence Powdermaker

[Redacted]

Dear Dr. Powdermaker:

Mr. Forrestal has referred to me your letter
of 2 January 1948 relative to [Redacted].

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We have made an appropriate record of the
desire of [Redacted] to be of service, and you
may be sure that, should occasion arise to call on
him for the benefit of his knowledge, we will cer-
tainly do so.

The interest evidenced by your letter to Mr.
Forrestal is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

R. H. HILLINGSTON
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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[Redacted] (14 Jan 48)

NOTE: For your information in connection with possible future
usefulness of this individual.

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January 2, 1948

Honorable James H. Forrestal
Secretary of National Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jim:

You may remember meeting an [redacted], at my house last spring. I just had a note from him, saying that he was retired because of age (he is 60 but much younger than his years), and would like still to be useful if he had the opportunity.

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He probably has a wider knowledge of the natives, resources and [redacted] and the associated areas than anyone in the world. He can communicate his interest and knowledge with ease and charm. He is transparently sincere and un-self-seeking. For over 25 years he has been in charge of native peoples for this area and has spent practically all his time in the islands. He took a good degree from Cambridge. He did some informal teaching of Naval officers at either the University of California or Leland-Stanford when he was here.

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It occurred to me that he might conceivably be useful. His address is:



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All good wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

/s/Florence
FLORENCE POWDERMAKER, M.D.

NOTE FOR RECORD:

Above letter forwarded to DCI fr OSD with attached note:

"9 January 1948

Memo for Director of Central Intelligence

Secretary Forrestal suggested that you might be interested in the attached copy of a letter to him from Dr. Powdermaker dated 2 January 1948.

John H. Ohly
Special Assistant to the Secretary"

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